(b) The income criteria was Rs. 1.00 lakh upto March, 2004. As a result of revision, the criteria of Rs. 2.5 lakh was notified on 9th March, 2004 and, therefore, is not out dated.

(c) and (d) The information is not centrally maintained.

Status of BALCO valuation

*525. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of valuation of the residual shares of BALCO has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether legal advice of the Attorney General of India has been obtained about the validity of the provision incorporated in the share purchase agreement vesting the call option rights on the entire residual shares of BALCO to the present owners of its fifty-one per cent shares;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps contemplated by Government in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Learned Attoney General for India has opined that the provision of call option under the Share Holders' Agreement (SHA) does not survive.

(e) No decision has been taken in this regard.

Project guidance for energy plants

*526. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM:Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the institutions recognized by Government to offer project guidance for energy plants; and

(b) whether such institutions are screened and what are the methods by which their efficiency and performance are monitored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) No institution has been recognized for offering project guidance for renewable power energy projects. However, the Centre for Wind Energy Technology, Chennai, an autonomous institution under the administrative control of this Ministry, provides testing and certification services to wind turbine electric generator manufacturers. Likewise, the Solar Energy Centre, Gurgaon, technical arm of this Ministry, provides testing services to the solar energy industry. The Alternate Hydro Energy Centre of IIT, Roorkee, provides testing services to small hydro power project developers.

Budgetary allocation for adult education

*527. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that budgetary allocation for adult education has been reduced to Rs. 214 crore this year, as against Rs. 263 crore in last year's revised estimates;

(b) if so, whether Government are of the view that targets in respect of adult education have been achieved and therefore lesser budgetary allocation is required;

(c) if not, the reasons for reduction in allocation; and

(d) the performance details of various schemes run by Government in the field of adult education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The budgetary provision for adult education during 2006-07 is Rs. 214.97 crores both for Plan and Non-Plan (excluding North East Region) as against Revised Estiamtes of Rs. 262.97 crores for 2005-06. The provision is inclusive of allocation for various schemes of adult education as also the budgetary support for Directorate of Adult Education etc.